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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/077,907
Filing Date	February 20, 2002
First Named Inventor	Tomohiro Chiba
Group Art Unit	3743
Examiner Name	L. Leo
Attorney Docket Number	018842.1204

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 05/07/2003 RUCDAF1 00000017 10077907
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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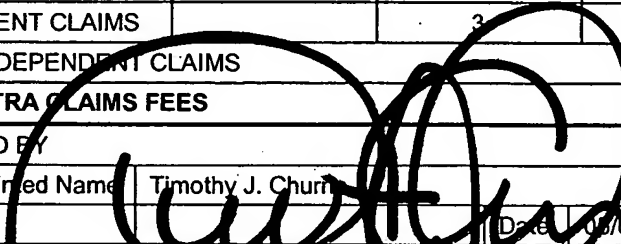


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		Filing Date	February 20, 2002			
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		Examiner Name	L. Leo			
		Group Art Unit	3743			
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Design Filing Fee \$		<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Appeal \$				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Filing Request for Reexamination \$				
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<b>2. EXTRA CLAIMS FEES</b>						
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>						
For	Number Present	Highest Number Paid For	Extra	Rate		Amount
				Large Entity	Small Entity	
TOTAL CLAIMS		20		x \$ 18.00	x \$ 9.00	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS		3		x \$ 84.00	x \$ 42.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				\$ 280.00	\$ 140.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXTRA CLAIMS FEES</b>						\$0.00
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